

REMARKS

This Application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action mailed June 29, 2005. At the time of the Office Action, Claims 1-11 were pending in this Application. Claims 1, 2 and 4-11 were rejected. Claims 3 was objected to.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 1, 4, and 10-11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent 6,804,578 issued to Touraj Ghaffari ("Ghaffari") in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2005/0078006 filed by J. Marc Hutchins et al. ("Hutchins"). Applicants respectfully traverse and submit the cited art combinations, even if proper, which Applicants do not concede, does not render the claimed embodiment of the invention obvious.

Claim 2 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Ghaffari in view of Hutchins in Claim 1 above, and further in view of U.S. Patent 6,853,294 issued to Shashi Ramamurthy et al. ("Ramamurthy"). Applicants respectfully traverse and submit the cited art combinations, even if proper, which Applicants do not concede, does not render the claimed embodiment of the invention obvious.

Claims 5-8 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Ghaffari in view of Hutchins in Claim 1 above, and further in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0095239 filed by Jeffrey Schwartz et al. ("Schwartz"). Applicants respectfully traverse and submit the cited art combinations, even if proper, which Applicants do not concede, does not render the claimed embodiment of the invention obvious.

Claim 9 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Ghaffari in view of Hutchins in Claim 1 above, and further in view of U.S. Patent 6,100,806 issued to John J. Gaukel ("Gaukel"). Applicants respectfully traverse and submit the cited art combinations, even if proper, which Applicants do not concede, does not render the claimed embodiment of the invention obvious.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants appreciate Examiner's consideration and indication that Claim 3 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of Claim 3, with a further amendment to remove the reference to a LAN type network. Support for the amendment is on page 10, lines 1 - 12, which describes various alternative for the data communication network. Additional amendments to Claim 1 are for consistency and readability.

Claim 16 is the same as Claim 3 in dependent form.

Claims 1 and its dependent claims and Claim 15 are allowable in light of the Examiner's comments with regard to Claim 3.

New Claims

Claims 12 - 15 recite various features of the system. Support for these claims is as follows:

Claim 12	page 6, lines 23-27
Claim 13	page 11, lines 21-26
Claim 14	page 12, lines 17-19
Claim 15	page 10, lines 1-5

New Claim 17 recites the combinations of the materials tracking and personnel tracking subsystem. New Claim 18 recites the combination of the tools tracking and personnel tracking subsystem. As recited in Claim 3 (allowed), the prior art does not teach or suggest a personnel tracking device that serves as both a geolocation device and an RFID reading device.

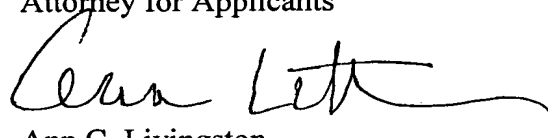
CONCLUSION

Applicants have made an earnest effort to place this case in condition for allowance in light of the amendments and remarks set forth above. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the claims as amended.

Applicants enclose a check in the amount of \$100.00 for the new independent claim. Applicants believe there are no additional fees due at this time, however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees necessary or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2148 of Baker Botts L.L.P.

If there are any matters concerning this Application that may be cleared up in a telephone conversation, please contact Applicants' attorney at 512.322.2634.

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